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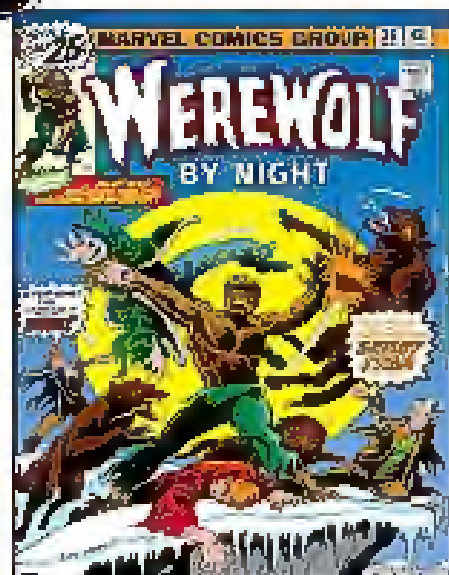
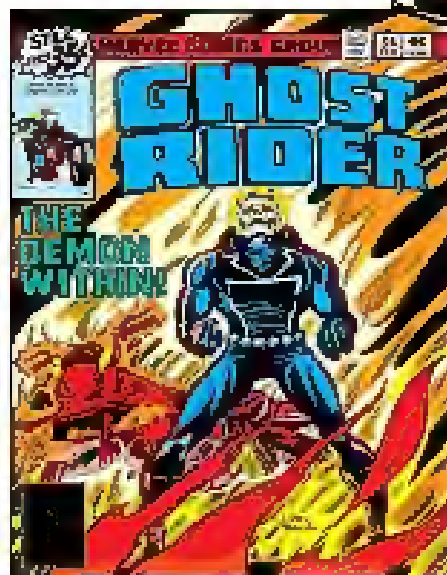
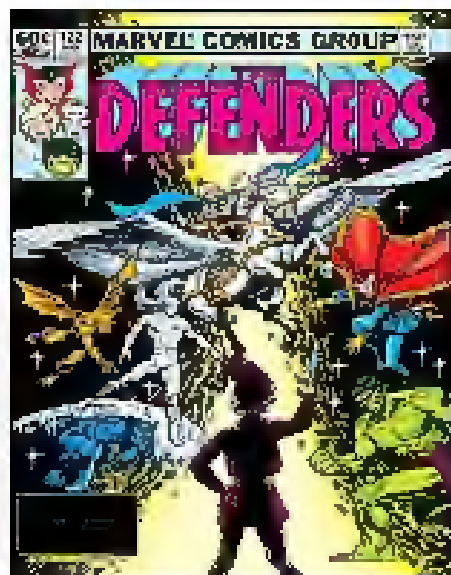
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# DON PERLIN

## 1929 - 2024



Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Readers program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.



MERCENARY MARC SPECTOR DIED AND WAS REBORN IN THE SHADOW OF KHONSHU, THE EGYPTIAN GOD OF THE MOON. SPECTOR BECAME MOON KNIGHT, THE FIST OF KHONSHU, TO FIGHT EVIL. THROUGH HIS MIDNIGHT MISSION, HE WAS THE DEFENDER OF ALL THOSE WHO TRAVEL AT NIGHT.

# VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT

## "INCARNATE"

FOLLOWING MARC SPECTOR'S HEROIC DEATH, THE MIDNIGHT MISSION TOOK UP HIS VOW OF PROTECTING THOSE UNABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES—A GARGANTUAN TASK, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF A SEEMINGLY ETERNAL NIGHT THAT HAS DESCENDED UPON EARTH AS THE MOON GOD, KHONSHU, WAS LOCKED AWAY IN AN ASGARDIAN PRISON.

THE ETERNAL NIGHT HAS ALLOWED VAMPIRES TO RUN RAMPANT, ATTACKING ALL WHOM THEY ENCOUNTER. REESE, SOLDIER AND B-BALL HAVE BEEN PATROLLING THE STREETS, FIGHTING OFF VAMPIRES AND SHELTERING WHATEVER SURVIVORS THEY CAN FIND IN THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. MEANWHILE, HUNTER'S MOON AND TIGRA HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY THE AVENGERS TO FORMULATE A WAY TO FIGHT THE VAMPIRES EN MASSE. TOGETHER, THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BRAINSTORMED A DESPERATE PLAN TO TRY TO TURN THE TIDES... NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO SEE THEIR GAMBLE THROUGH AND HOPE IT PAYS OFF.

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THE WORLD IS  
UNDER ATTACK.

SKY'S GONE  
BLACK. VAMPIRES  
EVERYWHERE. IT'S BAD.

AND SOMEHOW, I'VE  
GOTTEN TANGLED UP IN  
AVENGERS BUSINESS  
AGAIN, TRYING TO END IT.

WHICH IS WHY I'M  
NOT IN THE STREETS,  
ON THE FRONT LINES.

INSTEAD,  
I'M HERE.

IN ASBARD.

UNINVITED.

YOU  
OKAY, HUNTER'S  
MOON?

MY LIFE WAS  
IRREVOCABLY  
ALTERED WHEN I  
ACCEPTED THAT ONE  
GOD WAS REAL.  
TIGRA.

I AM NOW  
LOOKING OVER A  
CITY OF GODS.

IT'S A  
GREAT DEAL  
TO PROCESS.

I'M SORRY,  
SOMETIMES I  
FORGET HOW NEW  
YOU ARE TO ALL  
OF THIS.

I'VE BEEN AT  
THIS FOR SO LONG  
THAT I TAKE SIGHTS  
LIKE THIS FOR  
GRANTED.

DON'T GET  
TOO JADED,  
CATGIRL.

IF THE  
GODS CATCH THE  
TWO OF YOU  
CREEPING AROUND,  
THEY'LL JUST BE  
CONFUSED.

BUT IF  
THEY CATCH  
ME WITH  
YOU...

YEAH, YEAH, YOU'RE  
THE BIG BAD  
SUPER VILLAIN,  
I GOT IT.





YOU'RE  
GODS-DAMNED  
RIGHT.

HE'S NOT  
WRONG.

HUNTER'S MOON AND  
I MET UP WITH WHAT'S  
LEFT OF THE AVENGERS,  
WHAT'S LEFT OF DOCTOR  
STRANGE.

IT WAS A  
WAR COUNCIL.

AND OUR JOB  
WAS TO RAISE  
AN ARMY.

WHICH IS WHY  
WE HAD CLEA  
STRANGE SEND  
US TO ASGARD  
WITH HER MAGIC.

THEY DIDN'T  
ASK WHERE  
EXACTLY OUR  
PLAN CAME  
FROM.

WHICH WAS GOOD,  
BECAUSE I DIDN'T  
WANT TO LIE TO THEM.

ALL OF THIS  
PLANNING A  
RIP AND RUN  
ON ASGARD OF  
ALL PLACES...

WE'VE BEEN  
PUTTING THIS  
TOGETHER  
FOR ABES.



BECAUSE I  
WANT TO HELP  
SAVE THE WORLD.

I WANT  
TO SAVE LIVES.

BUT I ALSO  
WANT TO SAVE  
ONE LIFE.

AND THIS  
IS HOW I  
DO BOTH.

HELLO,  
FATHER.  
I'VE COME  
FOR YOU.



MY  
LOVING  
SON.

SO KIND  
TO VISIT YOUR  
FATHER. BUT  
FOOLISH, I  
FEAR.

I HAVE NO  
POWER TO LEAD  
YOU IN OPENING MY  
CELL, AND YOU HAVE  
NO KEY FOR THESE  
LOCKS.

YOU ARE  
CORRECT,  
FATHER.

I HAVE  
NO POWER TO  
OPEN THIS DOOR,  
NO KEY.

BUT  
I HAVE  
BROUGHT  
SOMETHING  
BETTER.

WHAT BETTER  
TOOL TO OPEN  
AN ASGARDIAN  
PRISON...

...THAN AN  
ASGARDIAN  
CROWBAR?

NICE TO  
MEETCHA,  
PAL.

THEY  
CALL ME THE  
WRECKER.

THIS IS  
THE PLAN.

WE'RE GOING TO  
FREE AN INSANE  
MOON GOD.

AND WE ENLISTED  
A SUPER VILLAIN  
TO DO IT.



ALL BECAUSE  
A MAN I  
LOVED DIED.



I COULDN'T  
SAVE MARC.

GRUNT!



BUT FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME...

WISH...  
THOR WAS  
HERE...

JUST TO...  
SEE THE LOOK...  
ON HIS STUPID  
FACE...



I CAN DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT.

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I AM  
FREE!!!



GOD  
HELP US  
WE DID  
IT

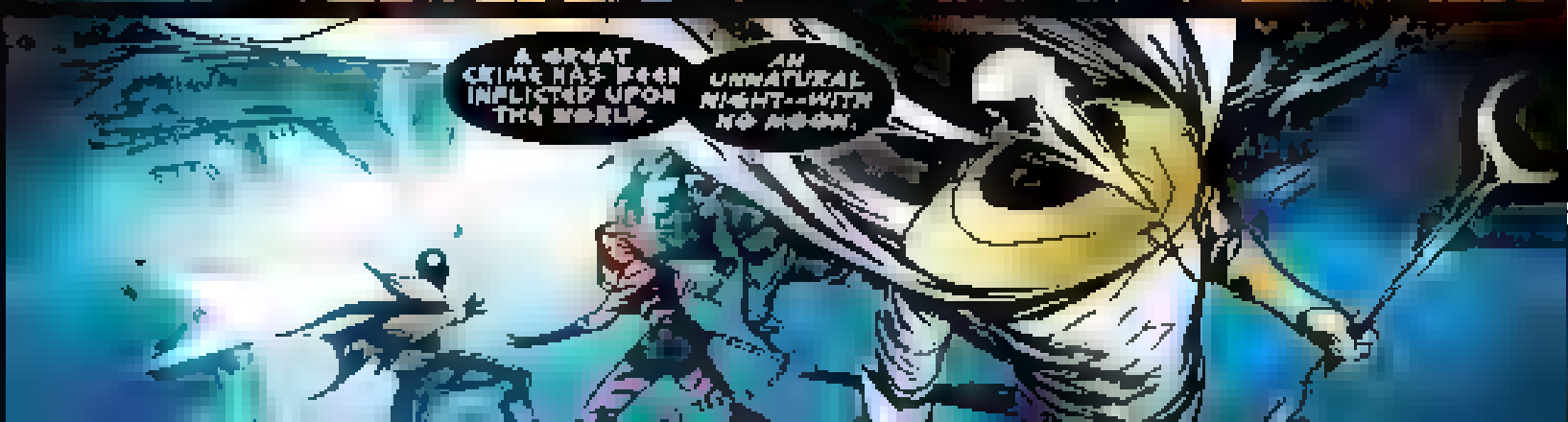
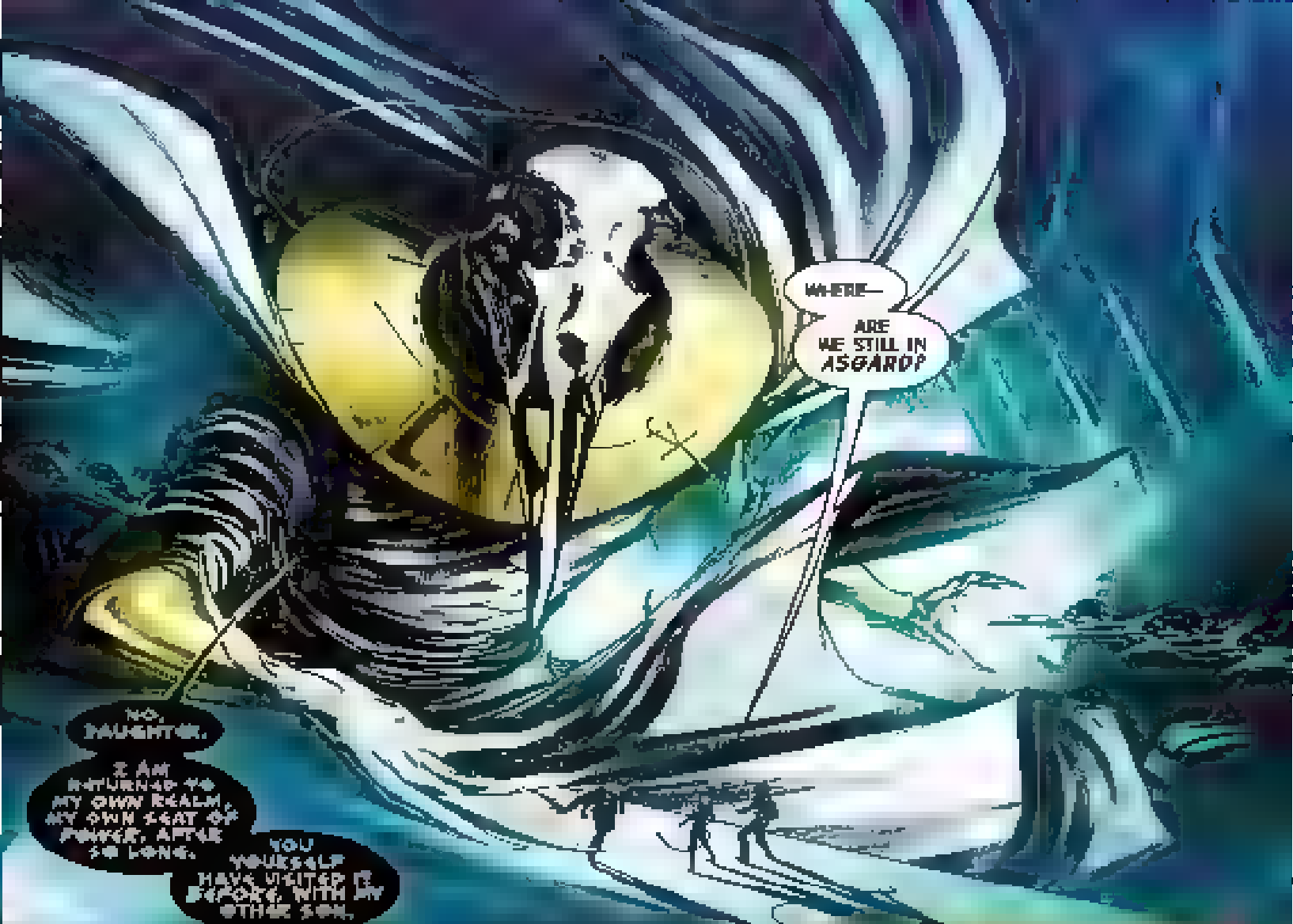
FATHER!  
GREATEST  
OF THE GREAT  
GODS!

## FATHERY

54  
NOT AFRAID.  
MY SON.

MY  
FAVORITE  
SON.

YOU  
ARE SAFE IN  
YOUR FATHER'S  
HAND.





AND  
SO I HAVE  
GATHERED MY  
CHILDREN, MY  
WIFE, FROM THE  
FUTURE TO  
THE PRESENT.

BECAUSE  
EVERY PERSON  
ON EARTH IS NOW  
A TRAVELER BY  
WENT.



MY SISTERS  
HAVE NO FLOOD  
TO BE DRUNK, NO  
LIES TO BELIEVE,  
NO PEAK TO BE  
STIRRED.

WIELDING  
THE MOON'S OWN  
SILVER FROM MY  
ARMCHAIR.

DAMN  
YOU, OLD  
BIRD!

I HAD  
YOU FREED,  
SO ANSWER  
ME!

IS  
THIS—

ARE YOU  
TELLING ME THAT  
MARC CAN'T BE  
RESURRECTED?

YOU  
DIDN'T  
MAY?

IS HE  
LIKE THE  
OTHER DEAD  
FISTS?

A—A  
ZOMBIE?

YOU  
BELIEVE  
THAT I WOULD  
FAIL MY SON?

THAT I  
WOULD RESURRECT  
HIM MINDLESS, AS HIS  
SISTERS HAVE BECOME  
AFTER THEIR MANY  
RESURRECTIONS?



PLEASE  
DON'T  
FORGET  
TO  
BRING  
YOUR  
MONEY.





Keep my  
sword, Lancelot.  
Thank you.



MARC

GREER.

THIS LIFE, THIS  
LIFE I LEAD, THE  
WORLD I LIVE IN

IT'S UNFAIR,  
THIS LIFE






EVEN IN JOY  
THERE'S PAIN.



AND THE TWO  
ARE NEVER IN  
EQUAL MEASURE



IN EVERY  
VICTORY,  
THERE'S LOSS



SO WHY DO I  
DO IT? WHY DO I  
KEEP FIGHTING?



BECAUSE IN ALL  
THE PAIN, ALL THE  
LOSS, I HOPE

I HOPE THERE'S  
A MOMENT



A MOMENT  
THAT MAKES IT  
ALL WORTH IT

A MOMENT  
LIKE THIS.





I—

I BROKE MY PROMISE--  
I PROMISED YOU  
THAT I'D COME  
BACK FOR  
YOU, BUT I  
DIED—

SHH.

YOU'RE  
BACK NOW.  
AND  
WE HAVE  
WORK.



RIGHT.

WORK OUR  
PEOPLE

WHAT'S  
THE PLAN?

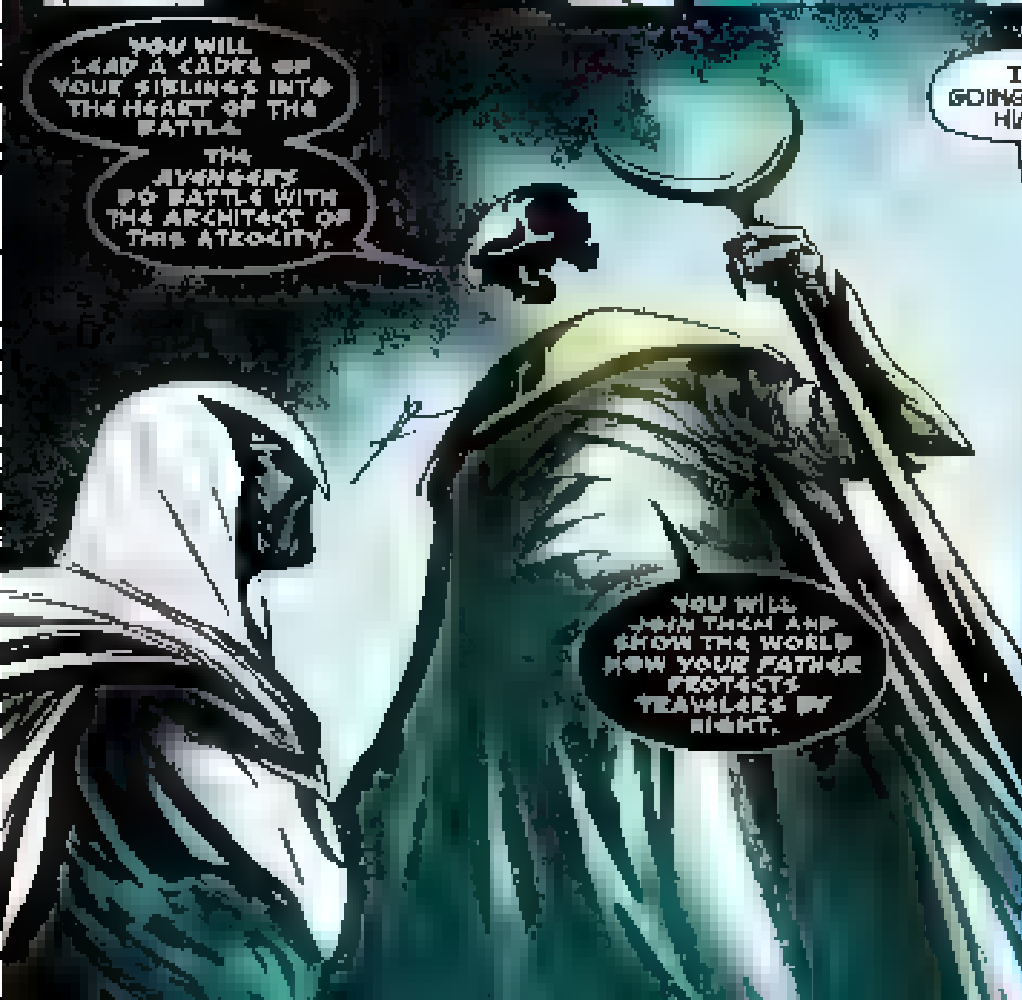


WE GO  
TO WAR, MY  
SON.

VAMPIRE  
SCUM SPILL  
THE WORLD IN  
THE NIGHT, MY  
NIGHT.

BROTHER

I AM. I  
AM GLAD  
TO SEE YOU  
WELL.



YOU WILL  
LEAD A CADRE OF  
YOUR SIBLINGS INTO  
THE HEART OF THE  
BATTLE.

THE  
AVENGERS  
DO BATTLE WITH  
THE ARCHITECT OF  
THIS ATROCITY.

YOU WILL  
JOIN THEM AND  
SHOW THE WORLD  
HOW YOUR FATHER  
PROTECTS  
TRAVELERS BY  
NIGHT.



I'M  
GOING WITH  
HIM.

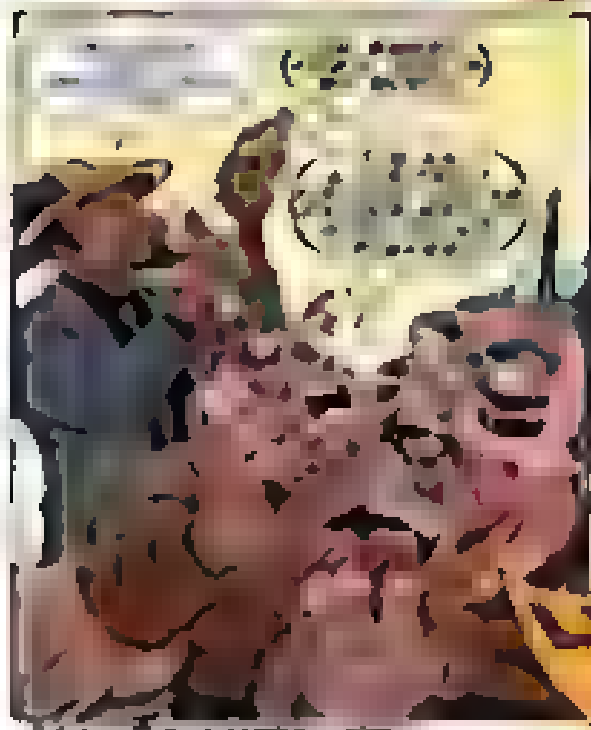
NO.

HE'S  
BATTLE ON A  
GLOBAL  
SCALE.

YOU WILL LEAD  
ANOTHER CADRE  
OF MY WARRIORS,  
DAUGHTER, AS WELL  
MY YOUNGEST,  
FAITHFUL SON.

IT WILL  
BE DONE,  
FATHER.

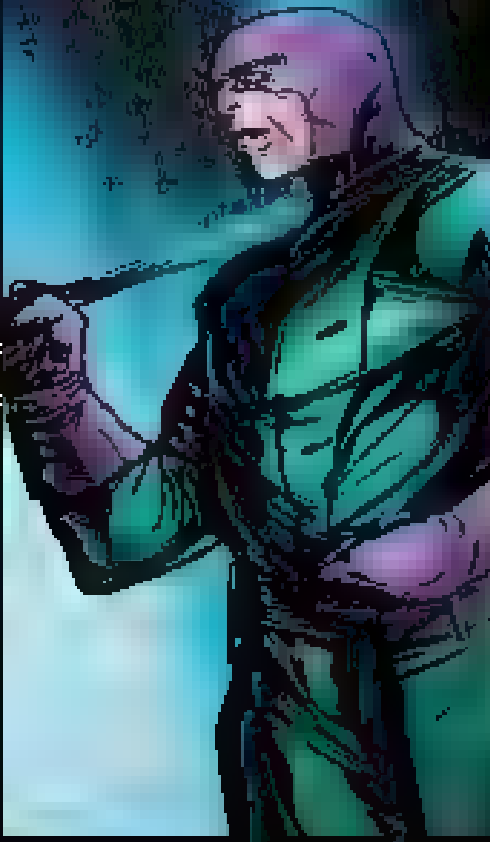
# CAPTAIN AMERICA: **CRASH**





LISTEN, I  
DID MY PART,  
AND I'M READY  
TO GET OUT  
OF HERE.

I PUT  
MOREN A  
LITTLE EGG ON THE  
ASSARDIAN'S FACES,  
AND NOW I GOT  
SOME MONEY  
COMING TO  
ME--



DAWN.

NEVER TOOK  
YOU FOR A  
CHICKENHEART,  
WRECKER

CHICKENHEART--

LISTEN TO  
ME, MOON KNIGHT  
I THROW DOWN WITH  
THOR. THE SCRAP'S  
NEVER EXISTED THAT  
ID TURN DOWN--



THEN  
THE WRECKER  
STANDS WITH US,  
KHONSHU.



HEY!  
I DIDN'T  
SAY--

KHONSHU!

CAN  
YOU NOT  
SAY IT?  
EVEN  
NOW?



THANK  
YOU..

THANK  
YOU FOR MY  
LIFE



..FATHER.



TO WAE  
TO WAE

TO  
WAE!

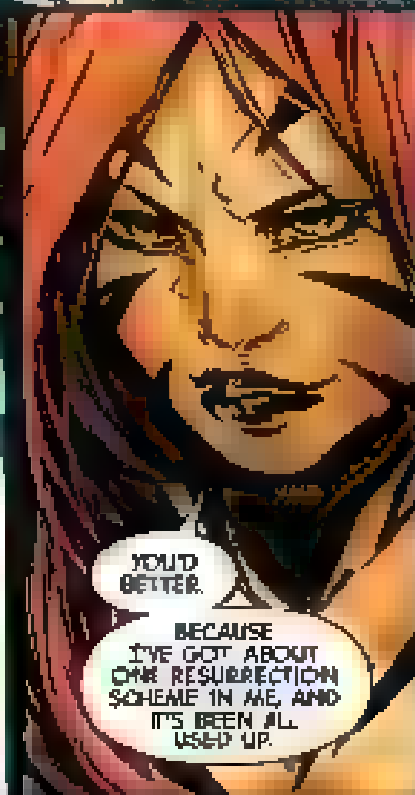
MY SYMBOL  
SHINES IN THE  
SKY--OUR BATTLE  
STANDARD! OUR  
CHALLENGE TO  
OUR ANIMUS!



NO MATTER  
WHAT HAPPENS,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT...

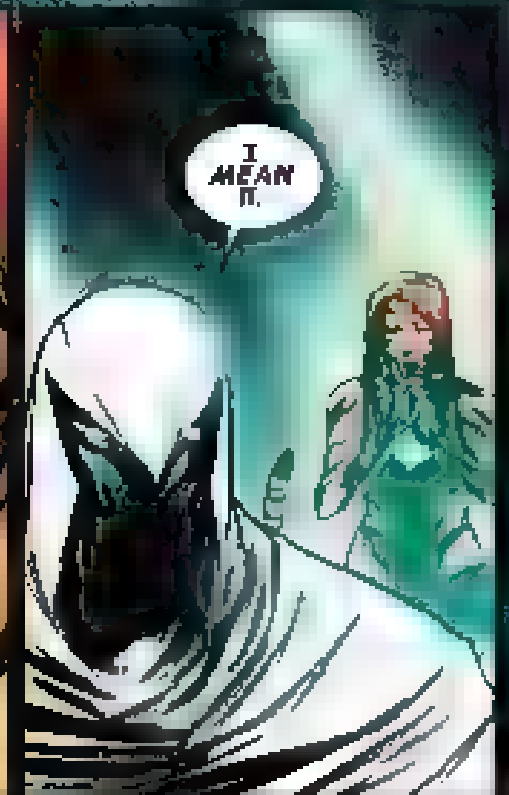
I'LL KEEP  
MY PROMISE  
THIS TIME

I'M COMING  
BACK FOR YOU  
GREER



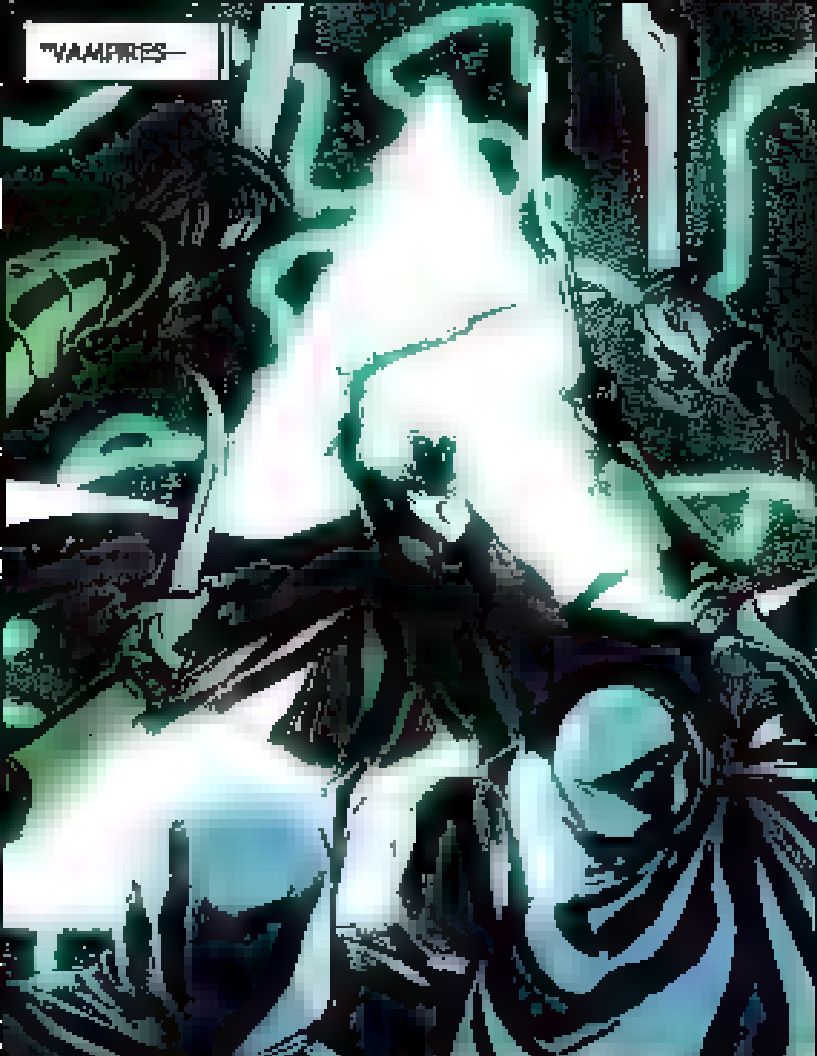
YOU'D  
BETTER

BECAUSE  
I'VE GOT ABOUT  
ONE RESURRECTION  
SCHEME IN ME, AND  
IT'S BEEN ALL  
USED UP.



I  
MEAN  
IT.

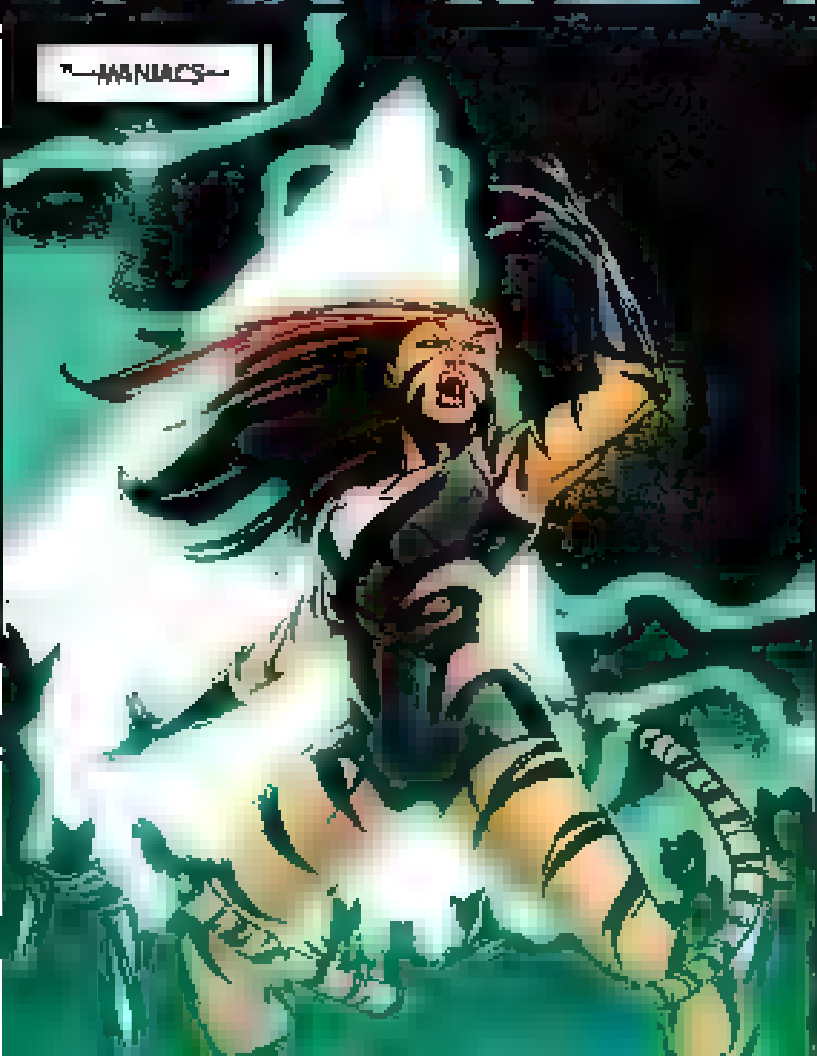
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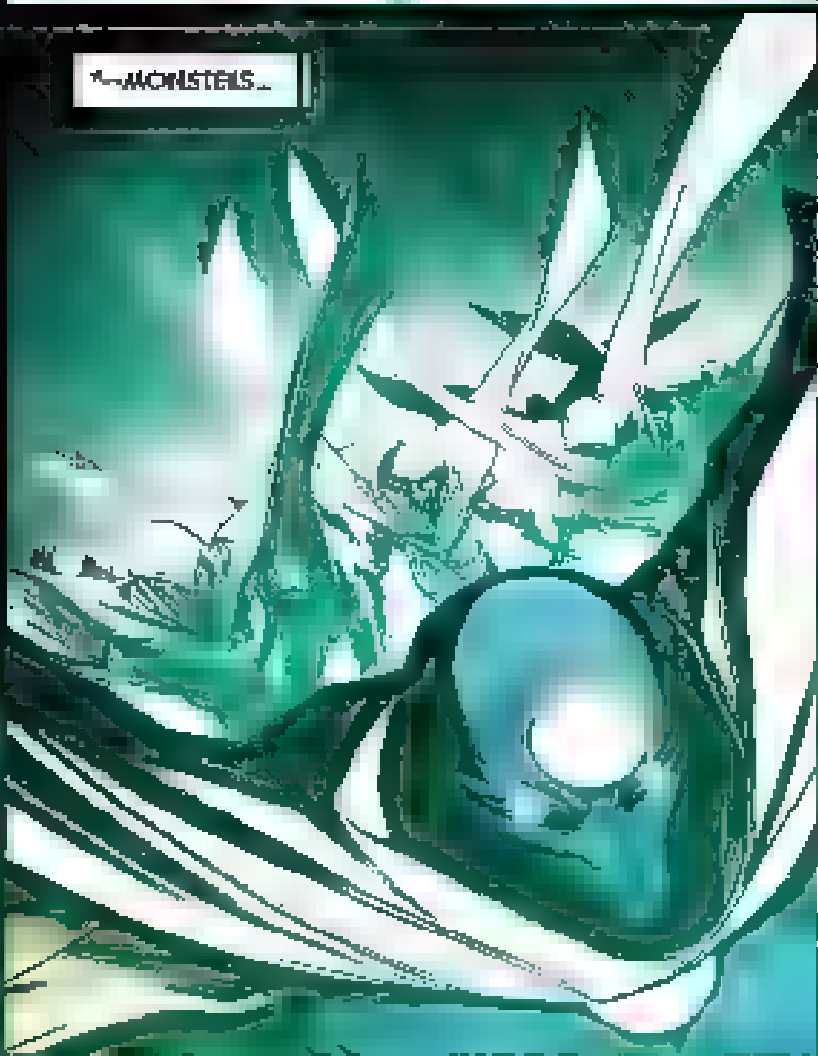
GODS



MANIACS



MONSTERS



NEW YORK CITY.

"NOTHING WILL  
STOP ME COMING  
BACK FOR YOU."

TO BE CONCLUDED... IN  
**BLOOD HUNT #5**  
AND **VENGEANCE OF**  
**THE MOON KNIGHT #8!**



# MISSION CONTROL

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**WELCOME BACK, MARC SPECTOR!!** We've missed you so much!

And speaking of long-looked-forward-to reunions...welcome back to the pages of **MISSION CONTROL**, dear readers! This is Associate Editor Lauren Amaro coming to you live and in print from our Mighty Marvel offices in the heart of Manhattan. As I type, Editor Devin Lewis, your customary letter-column correspondent, is unfortunately down with a cold—but even illness and a burgeoning vampire war can't keep us from answering your burning Moon Knight questions! So, without further ado, let's take a cue from Khonshu and see if we can't shine a light on some of your queries!

Hey, Marvel,

Longtime Morvette here, checking in after years of enjoying the adventures of Moon Knight and company. When I first heard about yet another "Death of Marc Spector" storyline and book relaunch, I rolled my eyes and was prepared to drop the title from my pullbox. So far, however, you've managed to pique my interest. As has been said already, the *Midnight Mission* brings something special to the book. The crew of the Mission, specifically, offers a supporting cast that reminds me of the original Doug Moench run, with folks like Marlana, Frenchie, Gene and Crawley sprucing up the pages. I feel Marc works best with a strong supporting cast, and the current group is managing to carry this book in his absence just fine.

On another note, I have always felt that Moon Knight and the Shroud should team up way more often than they have, as they make an interesting pair both visually and characteristically. I've been waiting for Shroud to show up in these pages, and after reading issue #2 (the mysterious darkness the new MK produced), I think we might be seeing him very soon.

Kudos to the creative team for a job well done, and thanks for keeping me interested!

Dave Patchell

Thanks for the kind words, Dave—we're glad to hear that you've continued on this adventure with us and that you've found it so rewarding! Jed does such a great job of managing a large cast and making sure that each character gets a chance to shine—and nowhere brighter has the *Midnight Mission* crew been shining than

in the middle of this Blood Hunt event!! And great detective skills—you were right on the money with your guess about who was under the Moon Knight mask. Hopefully you had as much fun reading that reveal as Alexandre and Rachele had drawing and coloring it (seriously—these pages were insane!). If you're looking to get even MORE Shroud content in your pullbox, make sure you hang around until the end of the letter column—Devin and I have been cooking up something that you might enjoy!

Hi, guys!

Is the *Midnight Mission* single, and if so, when are you guys planning to have them and the *Impossible City* hook up?

Moon Munch

Mmm, you know, I can't say I've ever asked the *Midnight Mission* about their dating life—usually we're too wrapped up in gossiping about Marc and Tiera orbiting around each other. Maybe now that they've been reunited, the *Midnight Mission* will have time to focus on their own love life?

To the Moon Knight team,

Another great issue! I'm really proud because the day prior to this issue, I predicted the new Moon Knight being a member of the West Coast Avengers. Then, with some help from my friends, we figured out Shroud was on the team. He was close to Marc—and the smoking gun? He was a Darkforce user, which plays into Blood Hunt.

This whole thing has been so fun. Thank you for reading! :)

Sincerely,  
Lewis

Sounds like you've got a great group of friends there, Lewis! I wonder who else on the West Coast Avengers made you guys' suspect list? Hawkeye? Iron Man??? Or did you think we threw you a curve-ball and smuck the Rawhide Kid under the mask? (I mean...was he technically on the team? Not officially...but how crazy of a reveal would that have been?)

I love this new Moon Knight series! Moon Knight is dead, and now we get a deep dive into all his companions and their motivation as to why they ride or die with the Fist of Khonshu.

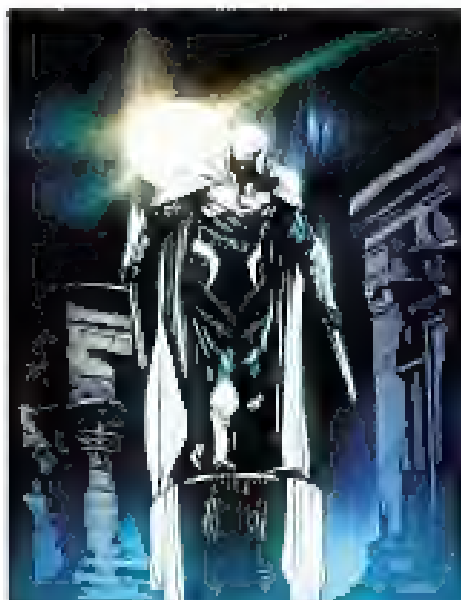
Reese, Tigra, Soldier—excellent! Each one of their stories is more impactful than the rest!

Chris from Yorktown

Ride or die, indeed! And having read a couple of issues ahead, I can tell you that you're not going to want to miss Marc's reunion with the rest of his team. Jed's a master of the one-two combo of a badass action beat followed up with such sincere emotional catharsis, and I can't lie to you—I got a bit emotional reading it in script form and then again when Devnalya Pramanik turned in the ink! In fact, as I type this, Rachelle's just slid into our inbox with the colors, and I'm getting weepy all over again!

So, before I stop being able to see all your lovely letters through the tears, let me change gears for a second and tell you about all the other amazing Moon Knight content heading your way in the coming months!

Obviously, you guys are going to want to call your local comic-book stores and make sure that you've already got your preorder in for **BLOOD HUNT #5**, but while you're there, don't forget to double-check that you've got **VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #8** on your pull list as well to see what mess the rest of the Midnight Mission have been tangled up in while Tigra and Hunter's Moon were off in Asgard! Plus, keep your eyes peeled for this awesome variant from Alessandro showing off his brand-new Moon Knight design!



And for all the Shroud fans out there (Dave, I'm looking at you!), you're not going to want to miss out on **PHASES OF THE MOON KNIGHT #1**—the first of an anthology series illuminating lost lunar lore as an awesome assembly of creators from across the industry join together to tell the tales of various Fists of Khonshu from across the many different eras of Marvel history! Kicking this series off with a bang is a bone-shattering tale of Shroud's violent early days under the Moon Knight mask from the talented minds and hands of Erica Schultz and Manuel Garcia! And joining them in this debut issue are the inimitable Benjamin Percy and Rod Reis as they travel back to the lands of ancient Egypt to see a Moon Knight from the Crusades take on... *Apocalypse?*



And that's just to **START**! But it looks like that's all the space we've got for this one, readers, so stay tuned for even **MORE** exciting Moon Knight news soon! Until then, take care and keep some garlic on you for those pesky vampires!

Laura

6.12.24

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**MOON KNIGHT**

**#8**



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